

WHEREAS, Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent state since the collapse of the former Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Ukraine share common values, including freedom, democracy, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of President Vladimir Putin, Russian forces have invaded Ukraine in violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, we condemn this violence and the threats to innocent civilians in Ukraine;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, declare Sunday, February 27, 2022, as a

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

across the state of Ohio as they face this unprovoked invasion of their country.

On this 26th day of February 2022.

Mike DeWine Governor